

WWF Earth Hour 2013 @ Red Cross War Memorial Children's Hospital

WWF Earth Hour was observed in the Front Foyer at the Red Cross Children's Hospital on Saturday evening. The Hospital was quiet, and it was bedtime now for small patients who were being given their medicines and milky drinks from the night nurses. The candlelight glowed, and was reflected in the windows of the Hospital front entrance.

It was an unusual Hospital event - staff on duty, including some medical and nursing staff visited briefly, Night Matron came by during her early round, porters and security showed interest, and some off duty staff and their children joined in. The children said they had heard about Earth Hour at school. Mothers, staying at Ikaya hospital residence, paused for information as they passed by. The Earth Hour visitor's book was signed.

This was our third Earth Hour event since 2011, as before, twenty-four Childsafe Safer Candles were used (large recycled jars, dry sand and half candles). Twenty-four candles represent twenty four hours in the day when citizens should be aware of climate change and conserving resources – switching off unused lights, saving water, limiting use of cars, recycling and reusing and more. For Safe Candle information please see www.childsafe.org.za

Can we claim, for Childsafe SA and Red Cross Children's Hospital, the only Earth Hour event held in an Africa Hospital?

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